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Dear Director,

Would you please thank Ms Struthers for her letter of 27 August 2002, which enclosed both Report No 36 and the paper, "Proposals for Comment – The Queensland Constitution : Entrenchment".

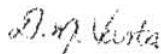
We have read the paper and agree with the contents of Appendix A as to which sections need to be "parliament entrenched" and which ones should be "referendum entrenched".

We see that there is a need to have the High Court give its imprimatur to the entrenching of certain sections of the Constitution, however we have misgivings that such a resolution can occur by way of declaration. This is because such an action must have some utility and cannot merely be a pronouncement upon the hypothetical.

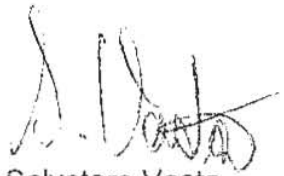
Legislation would have to be passed and then an individual would have to bring such an action against the State of Queensland for the Attorney-General to be able to put this matter before the Court.

Apart from the mechanics, the reasoning is sound and we support the Committee's recommendations.

Yours faithfully,



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